

Search Tips and Special Features

Search Operators

And - combines search terms so that each search result contains all of the terms. For example, education and technology finds articles that contain both terms.

Or - combines search terms so that each search result contains at least one of the terms. For example, education or technology finds results that contain either term.

Wildcards and Truncation

Use the wildcard and truncation symbols to create searches where there are unknown characters, multiple spellings or various endings. Neither the wildcard nor the truncation symbol can be used as the first character in a search term.

The wildcard is represented by a question mark (?). To use the wildcard, enter your search terms and replace each unknown character with a ?.

For example, type ne?t to find all citations containing neat, nest or next. Truncation is represented by an asterisk (*). To use truncation, enter the root of a search term and replace the ending with an *. EBSCOhost finds all forms of that word. For example, type comput* to find the words computer or computing.

Further Help

Please contact a member of LIS staff if you need any help using E-Resources.

We are very happy to spend time helping you with your information searching needs.

You can make an appointment to see a Learning Advisor for your subject area, below is a link to the staff contact page of the LIS web site:

<http://www.ucsm.ac.uk/lis/libinfo/contacts/facultyliaison/index.php>

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Getting Started with E-Resources

CINAHL

(Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature)

This leaflet will help you to start using CINAHL.

CINAHL is an electronic database which contains information relating to nursing and allied health subjects.

IMPORTANT:

- **CINAHL provides many full-text journal articles but some articles may not be available in full-text**
- You will need your ATHENS passwords to access CINAHL off campus.
- Please check your college email for your ATHENS passwords.
- Please contact a member of LIS staff if you can't access your ATHENS passwords.

This guide is available in other formats on request.

Step 1

Go to the Library and Information Services Website:

<http://www.ucsm.ac.uk/lis>

Step 2

Click on the link to *eResources* (on the left of the page).

Step 3

Scroll down the page and click on the link to *CINAHL*.

Step 4

Tick the box next to CINAHL Plus with Full Text and click *continue*. If you are off-campus click on **Athens Users Login** in the top right of the Ebsco page, then enter your Athens username and password

Step 5

In the first **Find** field, enter a keyword.

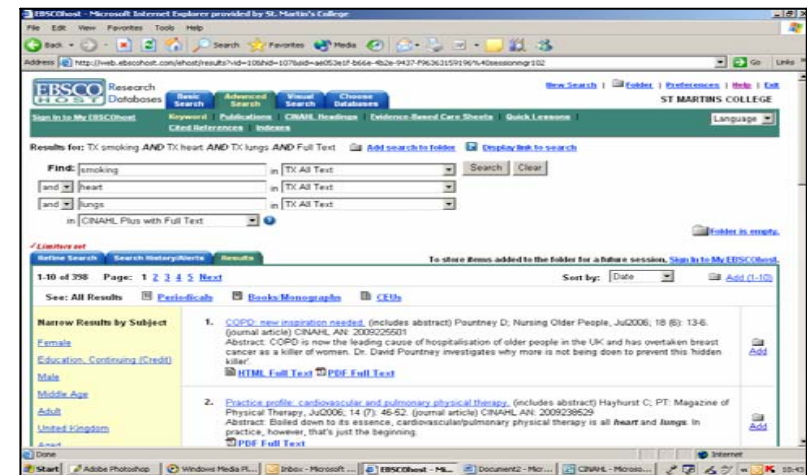
Choose the search field from the drop-down list (e.g., search in only the Subject Terms field of the citation).

Repeat steps 2 and 3 for the second set of **Find** fields.

The screenshot shows the Ebsco search interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Basic Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Visual Search', and 'Choose Databases'. Below this, there are search input fields. The first field contains 'smoking', the second 'heart', and the third 'lungs'. Each field has a dropdown menu set to 'AB Abstract'. Below the search fields, there is a 'Limit your results:' section with various filters: 'Full Text' (checked), 'References Available', 'Abstract Available', 'Publication Year' (with 'Yr.' and 'to Yr.' fields), 'Published Date' (with 'Month' and 'Yr.' dropdowns), 'Author', and 'Publication'.

Step 6

Click **Search**. A Result List is displayed.



Step 7

Click on the title of an article. You will see all the citation information that you will need for your bibliography. You may also see a link to the full-text of the article in either HTML or PDF format.

The screenshot shows the Ebsco citation details page for an article. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Basic Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Visual Search', and 'Choose Databases'. Below this, there are search input fields. The first field contains 'smoking', the second 'heart', and the third 'lungs'. Each field has a dropdown menu set to 'AB Abstract'. Below the search fields, there is a 'Limit your results:' section with various filters: 'Full Text' (checked), 'References Available', 'Abstract Available', 'Publication Year' (with 'Yr.' and 'to Yr.' fields), 'Published Date' (with 'Month' and 'Yr.' dropdowns), 'Author', and 'Publication'. The citation details include: Title: 'Smoking... and how to help people to stop.', Author: 'Ashcroft J', Affiliation: 'Vice Chairman, Erewash PCT', Source: 'Practice Nurse (PRACT NURSE), 10/28/2005, 30(7): 28, 30, 32 passim (16 ref)', Publication Type: 'journal article - pictorial, questionnaire/scale, tables/charts', Language: 'English', Major Subjects: 'Smoking Cessation; Smoking-Nursing', Minor Subjects: 'Bupropion-Therapeutic Use; Health Education; Information Resources; Motivation; Nicotine Replacement Therapy; Nicotine-Addictive Effects; Office Nursing; Primary Health Care; Scales; Smoking-Complications; Smoking-Education; Substance Dependence-Etiology; United Kingdom', Abstract: 'Helping a patient quit smoking is the most health-improving intervention we can make in primary care. So what's the best way to offer support?', Journal Subset: 'Blind Peer Reviewed; Editorial Board Reviewed; Expert Peer Reviewed; Nursing; Peer Reviewed; UK & Ireland', Instrumentation: 'Fagerstrom Dependence Scale', ISSN: '0953-6612', MEDLINE Info: 'NLM UID: 9432228', Publisher Info: 'URL: www.cinahl.com/cgi-bin/refsvc?jid=1149&acn=2008079406', Entry Date: '20060414'.